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Activities

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Russia and its North Caucasus (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'Russia and its North Caucasus'.

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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Clues

- Vladimir _____ is the president of Russia
- Dokka _____ is 'Russia's most wanted man'
- City where the Winter Olympics will be held
- Chechnya, Ingushetia and Dagestan are part of Russia that is often called 'the North _____'
- Moscow's _____ is one of the world's busiest underground railways
- City officials announced that there would be five days of _____
- Volgograd used to be called _____
- Chechnya is what's known as a Russian federal _____
- _____ will fly over the places where all the events are being held
- St _____ is Russia's second largest city

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Taiwan's baby panda (Page 12)

Instructions: Read the article 'Taiwan's baby panda'.
Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Pandas hibernate during the winter months.		
2. Chairman Mao gave two pandas to President Nixon.		
3. Ma Ying-jeou was elected as Taiwan's president in 2010.		
4. In Chinese Yuan Zai means 'white ball'.		
5. China and Taiwan became separate countries in 1949.		
6. Sending pandas as gifts to other countries is known as 'panda diplomacy'.		
7. Giant pandas are native to China.		
8. Yuan Zai's parents are called Ling Ling and Hsing Hsing.		
9. China first offered a gift of two pandas to Taiwan in 2005.		
10. Giant pandas spend much of their time eating bamboo.		

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Instructions: Read the article ‘Red crab migration’.

- 1.** Find the key words in the wordsearch below. Words can go in any direction. **2.** Take the first 27 unused letters, starting at the top left-hand corner of the box. **3.** Put these letters into the squares at the bottom of the page to discover the mystery phrase.

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I C R I A B E S E D T A
T I S G N S H T O L U T
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TUNNELS	SOLITARY
INVASIVE	PHOSPHATE
AUSTRALIA	SEASHORE
MIGRATION	BURROW
COLONIES	SEYCHELLES
CREATURES	RELEASE

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New Year celebrations (Page 15)**Instructions:** Read the article 'New Year celebrations'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

Firework

South Korea

Seoul

Berlin

Burj Khalifa

Pyrotechnic

International Date Line

Dubai

Brandenburg Gate

Pacific Ocean

Ball drop

Paris

Big Ben

Times Square

Champs-Élysées

London

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Sun 'turns upside down' (Page 11)

Instructions: Read the article ‘Sun ‘turns upside down’.

Answer questions 1-8. The first is done for you.

1. I am our nearest star.

SUN

2. On the Sun we have swapped places.

3. At the Sun's core I am converted into helium.

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4. I am what the Sun gives us.

[illegible]

5. We are sudden bursts of energy that erupt from the surface of the Sun.

[illegible]

6. We are dark patches that appear on the Sun's surface.

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7. We are thrown out by the Sun and carry electric charges.

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8. I began in January 2008.

[illegible]

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World Map (Page 13)

Instructions: Listed below are 12 countries. Eliminate from the list those countries that appear on the map of the world. You will be left with one country that is not named on the map. That is the answer.

Panama

South Korea

Nigeria

Mozambique

Denmark

Cambodia

Taiwan

Norway

Canada

Italy

Syria

Bangladesh

Missing Country =

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Antarctic rescue (Page 10)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Antarctic rescue'.

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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Clues

1. A navigation instrument that was used by sailors and astronomers hundreds of years ago
2. There were 52 _____ on the Russian ship
3. The *Aurora* _____ was ordered to help
4. Douglas _____ was an Australian explorer
5. A ship designed to be able to clear a passage through sea ice
6. The *Xue Long* was carrying a _____
7. The Russian ship's hull had been _____
8. The crews of the Russian and Chinese ships had plenty of _____
9. Sea ice of this _____ is very unusual at this time of year
10. The *Akademik Shokalskiy* is a _____ ship